



**STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH**

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Otter Creek Church of Christ, Brentwood, TN

February 25, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendee List:

Carla Aaron	Deseree Ewing	Michael Myszka
Susan Adams	Rhonda Ewing	Jena Napier
Sandra Allen	Laura Fair	Linda O'Neal
Carla Babb	Deborah Gatlin	Julie Pablo
Regina Baiden	Nneka Gordon	Cindy Perry
Giovonnte Baker	Betty Adams Green	Steve Petty
Sumita Banerjee	Sharon Green	Amy Reed
Louise Barnes	Vickie Harden	Scott Ridgway
Allison Beane	Racquel Hatter	Kathy Rogers
Kathy Benedetto	Craig Anne Heflinger	Mary Rolando
Bonnie Beneke	Mike Herrmann	Ajanta Roy
Susanne Bennett	Kurt Hippel	John Rust
Virginia TrotterBetts	Cheri Hoffman	Mary Linden Salter
Jason Blair	Jennifer Houston	Traci Sampson
Kathryn Bowen	Robbie Hutchens	Sara Smith
Pam Brown	E. Ann Ingram	Kubra Snow
Charlotte Bryson	Jeanne James	James Sparks
Edwina Chappell	Angie McKinney Jones	Debrah Stafford
Nicole Cobb	Dustin Keller	Millie Sweeney
Michelle Covington	Richard Kennedy	Angie Thompson
Mike Cull	Rachel Krauss	Pat Wade
Bill Dobbins	Randal Lea	Tami Walker
Katrina Donaldson	Kim Crane Mallory	Pam White
Carol Dunaway	James Martin	Ellyn Wilbur
Richard Edgar	Nan McKerley	Mark Wolf
Bruce Emery	Marlin Medlin	Christina Kloker Young

Welcome and Introductions

- Linda O’Neal, CCMH Co-Chair, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
 - Welcomed participants and encouraged them to sign the attendance sheet.
- Commissioner Virginia Trotter Betts, CCMH Co-Chair, Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
 - Briefly discussed status of federal health care reform and its implications for Tennessee
 - The Governor presented his budget to the legislature including the elimination of the remaining children and youth inpatient beds at the RMHIs due to underutilization and the capacity at private hospitals. In the proposal, TDMHDD did receive additional funds to delay the program reductions extended by the legislature last year.

Acceptance of Meeting Summary for 10/8/2009 and 12/10/2009 CCMH Meetings (O’Neal)

- October Meeting Summary approval (**WILBUR MOTION, SWEENEY SECOND, UNANIMOUS**).
- December Meeting Summary approval (**HARDIN MOTION, CRANE MALLORY SECOND, UNANIMOUS**).

TennCare HEDIS Data Presentation (Dr. Jeanne James)

- See Powerpoint Presentation ‘**TennCare Overview**’
- Additional data (not HEDIS measure) tracked by TennCare is available on their website or by contacting Dr. James

SCCY Child Protective Services (CPS) Study (Cindy Perry, Carla Aaron, and Raquel Hatter)

- Perry reviewed Public Chapter 487, requiring a comprehensive study on CPS.
- Perry identified the similarities between System of Care (SOC) and their CPS study discussions. CCMH could help guide the study process for CPS. During the December CPS discussion, Perry, Hatter and Aaron decided to bring together a “think tank” group (including Dr. Outlaw, Dustin Keller and Millie Sweeney) to become engaged in the CPS arena.
- Hatter invited CCMH participants to join in the process. She noted while responsibility of CPS lies with DCS, they can’t do it alone. The community needs to take part in the process. Everyone must partner together. Hatter expressed hope others will participate and contribute to the process.
- Aaron identified commonalities with CPS and SOC values and principles. DCS made the move to family-focused and strength-based approaches, implemented Multiple Response System (MRS) with the three track approach. Community Advisory Boards are a great

opportunity for DCS to partner with the community. DCS acknowledges the tremendous value and need to work with the community and families.

- Aaron explained DCS is four years into MRS implementation statewide (beginning in 2005), with full implementation statewide in 2009 (ahead of the deadline of 2010). SOC will help DCS move forward as they look at the quality of work being done.
- Perry suggested the possibility of introducing a CPS workgroup to CCMH, allowing a smaller group to convene and report back to the larger group. Group will be meeting next Thursday, March 4, to discuss annual reports submitted by District Attorneys on CPS. Statute for them to report has been in effect since 1987 and with the CPS study, they were encouraged to comply; they had 100 percent compliance this year. We can identify trends, cross walks w/ MRS and SOC and further identify the commonalities (i.e. EBP).
- O'Neal – Without objection, we will create a CPS workgroup. CCMH members who are interested in participating in workgroup, may contact Keller. **THERE WAS NO OBJECTION, SO THE CCMH WILL CREATE A CPS WORKGROUP.**

Northeast Collaboration Efforts (Kathy Benedetto, Judge Green)

- Refer to PowerPoint Presentation – “Children’s Mental Health Council – Johnson City Juvenile Court Services.”
- Benedetto and Green gave an overview of the extensive collaborative services in the northeast region.

Legislative Overview and Update (Kurt Hippel, Steve Petty)

- Refer to the Handouts – “Legislative Report.”
- Petty reviewed legislative information included in the packet, including TCCY legislative listserv information, link to legislative report and update. He noted TCCY concerns about legislation creating a juvenile sex offender registry and encouraged CCMH members to contact their legislators. Petty also highlighted CCMH sunset bill and current status in House and Senate. He encouraged members to oppose legislation to abolish Select Committee on Children and Youth.
- Petty noted the TCCY budget message is in the packet and encouraged members to use a similar message and present a unified voice when meeting with legislators.
- Petty invited members to attend Children’s Advocacy Days, March 9-10, 2010.
- Hippel shared contact information (615)532-9439, kurt.hippel@tn.gov if anyone had any questions regarding legislation.
- Commissioner Betts discussed the current budget situation and impact on MHDD. Since MHDD is already underfunded, any additional cut is potentially devastating for Tennessee’s vulnerable citizens. There is great concern about TennCare cuts and the impact on other departments. Some good news, MHDD did not receive the full 9 percent reduction with the add backs (targeted children and youth, wrap around services). CoverKids will reopen enrollment on March 1, 2010 and has great services available for

children. Betts listed additional cuts (see budget handout). She also provided copies of Tennessean editorials (Betts, Sita Diehl, Tennessean) with letters in support of MHDD position. This is our time to speak up in our state about essential funding for MH and A&D treatment.

- O’Neal referenced the budget message in the packet and invited members to use it. Also encouraged any members interested in testifying on juvenile sex offender registry bill to contact House Judiciary Committee office.
- O’Neal briefly explained a possible amendment Senate Government Operations Committee Members are discussing which would impact the membership of CCMH: no lobbyists can serve, exclusion of specific association members, requirement of members to be Tennessee residents.
- O’Neal alerted members to Children’s Health Crises Series premiering February 25, 2010 on NPT, one episode includes children’s mental health (Bryson reported she was interviewed).
- O’Neal asked workgroups to meet over lunch and discuss questions included in the packet.
- Betts alerted members of the MHDD budget hearing dates: House budget hearing 2:00 pm on March 2 and Senate hearing on Thursday, March 4 at 1:00 pm.
- O’Neal reported TCCY made budget recommendations to legislature and Department of Finance and Administration. TCCY budget hearings were February 17 and February 18. O’Neal had the opportunity to express to the legislative committees concerns over the potential loss of over 25 years of public-private and state-local partnerships providing essential services and supports for children and families.

LUNCH – Workgroups meet over lunch.

Structured Workgroup and Feedback Discussion (Dustin Keller, O’Neal)

- Refer to supplemental handout – “Structured Feedback and Discussion”
- Keller led a discussion of the questions discussed among workgroups over lunch.

Discussion Plans for Future Meetings (O’Neal)

- O’Neal reminded Council the report to legislature is due in four months, so information for report would need to be ready in April and May. Workgroup notes will be considered when moving forward with the report and the steering committee.
- A small work group was mentioned by the Council to work with Betts, Keller, O’Neal and Outlaw to identify TennCare measures to be shared with Council and/or website, this may also fit into the objectives of the Accountability/MIS workgroup
- Reminder about new CPS workgroup, interested members should contact Keller.
- Steering Committee will meet prior to next meeting and may report out to Council at next meeting.

- Information on Mental Health service expenditures from Resource Mapping project should be available by next meeting.
- O'Neal reminded members Children's Advocacy Days is on March 9-10; included on the agenda are a budget presentation by John Morgan, MuleTown participant panel, Coordinated School Health and among many other great items. There will be a gubernatorial forum on Wednesday morning, March 10, moderated by John Seigenthaler. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- O'Neal reminded Council the workgroups need to get together between meetings.
- O'Neal thanked members for their great attendance and encouraged them to contact their legislators to talk about the importance of funding children's programs.

Next Meeting Date is April 22, 2010.